(iv) non-prforming assets not exceeding 15 per cent of total outstanding loans.

RBI have advised the banks satisfying the above criteria to submit to them a yearly plan duly approved by their Board of Directors for opening branches to enable RBI to advise their concerned Regional offices for issue of licences.

RBI have further reported that during the year 1995-96, they have issued 569 authorisations to public sector banks to open branches in various States/Union Territories.

Inclusion of Dalit Christians in scheduled caste category

3581. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include the Dalit Christians into the category of Scheduled Castes; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to amend the present law and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The matter of recognition of Scheduled Caste converts to Christianity as belonging to Scheduled Castes is under the consideration of the Government.

Aid received from abroad for hospitals

3582. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what annual aid was received from abroad for Health Services in the country during the last three years, hospital-wise;

(b) what is the annual expenditure incurred by Government on each of such hospital during this period; and

(c) the annual aid which is likely to be received from abroad for health during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Central Government does not generally receive assistance for Hospitals except as part of programme assistance in which interalia some hospitals get upgraded. The external assistance available for central health sector programmes in the last three years was as under:—

1993-94	Rs. 82.85 crores
1994-95	Rs. 114.45 crores
1995-96	Rs. 216.07 crores

(c) During the current year external funding to the extent of Rs. 370.00 crores is expected for the health sector. This interalia includes assistance for upgrading the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi under Japanees financial support.

Heavy loss to Doordarshan on account of Chandrakanta Serial

3583. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has incurred heavy loss on some serials like 'Chandrakanta' which had been run at prime time and extended to a number of episodes beyond limit and proportion over months and years on end;

(b) if so, the details of serials on which losses have been incurred from 1993-94 onwards;

(c) how many episodes were permitted to be telecast in each case and the amount of loss incurred in each case; and

(d) the reasons for permitting numerous episodes despite losses?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The infor-

mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Newsitem regarding I-T assessment of RIL Investment Firms

3584. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newsitem appearing in the Business Standard of 4th June, 1996 under the caption "I-T assessment of RIL investment firms re-opened" came to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, what is the outcome; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) I-T Investigations have revealed that 70.30 lakh shares of M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (M/s. RIL) were involved in the switching at M/s. Reliance Consultancy Services Limited, the share registrar of M/s. RIL. Consequently, the assessments of owners of the shares have been finalised in 23 cases in respect of 47 lakh shares and additional income of Rs. 71.23 crores has been brought to tax.

Assessments in 3 cases for A.Y. 1993-94 and in 15 cases for A.Y. 1992-93 have been reopened so that further additional income in respect of 23.30 lakh switched shares could be brought to tax.

Income tax raids in Andhra Pradesh

3585. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by Income Tax Department in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96;

(b) the amount seized in such raids in Andhra Pradesh during 1995-96;

(c) the names of the owners of such premises which were raided;

(d) whether the cases have been settled; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Income Tax Department executed 411 search warrants during the financial year 1995-96 resulting in seizure of assets worth Rs. 5099.09 lakhs.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) Cases of searches are finalised by field officers within stipulated statutory time by passing assessment orders. Invariable appeals are filed against additions made. In above cases these stages are under process.

Statement

Names of premises which were raided during 1995-96 in A.P.

1. R.P. Jayaprakash, Hyderabad
2. Kuldeeprai Mahajan, Vijayawada
3. T. Janardhan Reddy, Hyderabad
4. Vamsi Rubber Ltd., Hyderabad
5. Goutham Educational Institution, Vijayawada
6. Krishnaveni Educational Aceademy, Vijayawada
7. Kitti Steels Ltd., Secunderabad
8. G.R. Cables Ltd., Hyderabad
9. Kumar group of companies, Hyderabad
10. Aditya group of companies, Hyderabad
11. Sanjay Mukim, Vishakhapatnam
12. Jaiswal Granites Ltd., Venkatapur
13. D. Janardana Rao D, and Kishore D., Vijayawada
14. Krishna Rao, K.A.B.V., Vijayawada
15. K. Lakshmana Rao, Vijawada
16. L. Nagabhushanam, Vijayawada
17. B. Narasimha Murty, Vijayawada
18. N.Radhakrishna, & N. Srinivasa Rao, Vijayawada
19. Sankalchand Jasrajji, Guntur
20. T. Srinivasu, Vijawada
21. J. Sekhar Rao, Vijayawada
22. P. Surendra Kumar, Vijayawada